Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently amended) A multi-branched structure compound encapsulating a light emitting material for an organic electroluminescent element,

wherein the light emitting material for the organic electroluminescent element is a phosphorescent compound of an Ir compound; and

a core linkage group of the multi-branched structure compound is selected from the group consisting of the following structures:

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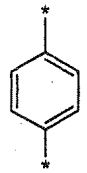

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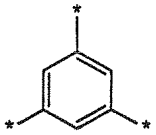

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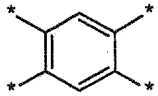

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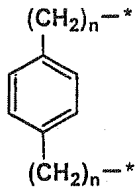

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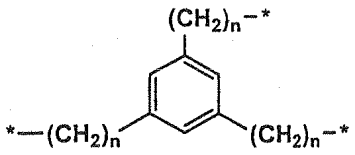

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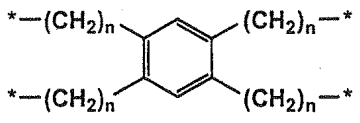

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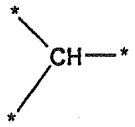

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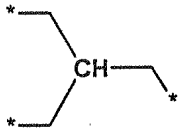

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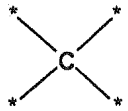

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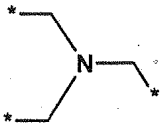

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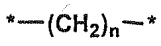

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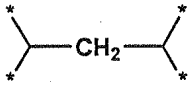

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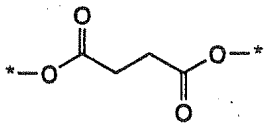

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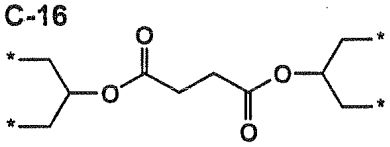

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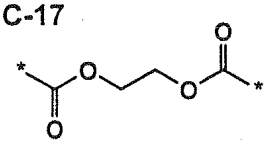

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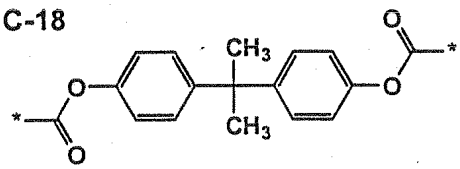

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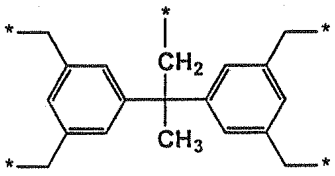

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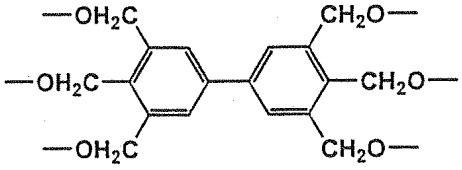

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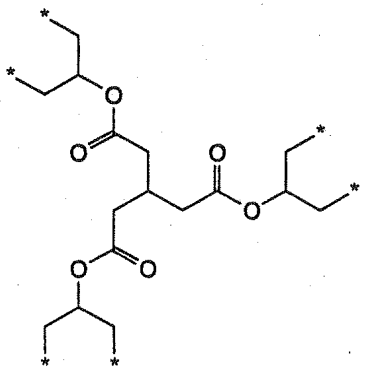

Claim 2. (Previously presented) The multi-branched structure compound of claim 1 having a substructure which exhibits a positive hole transporting property.

Claim 3. (Original) The multi-branched structure compound of claim 1 having a substructure which exhibits an electron transporting property.

Claims 4-5. (Cancelled)

Claim 6. (Original) An organic electroluminescent element comprising at least one organic compound layer between an anode and a cathode, wherein at least one of the organic compound layer comprises the multi-branched structure compound of claim 1.

Claim 7. (Original) The organic electroluminescent element of claim 6 emitting white light.

Claim 8. (Original) A display comprising the organic electroluminescent element of claim 6.

Claim 9. (Original) An illuminating device comprising the organic electroluminescent element of claim 6.

Claim 10. (Original) A display comprising the illuminating device of claim 9 and a liquid crystal element as a display member.

Claim 11. (Previously presented) A method to produce a multi-branched structure compound comprising the step of: mixing a light emitting material for an organic electroluminescent element and the multi-branched structure compound in a solvent to encapsulate the light emitting material for an organic electroluminescent element in the multi-branched structure compound.

Claim 12. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the light emitting material for the organic electroluminescent element has a higher affinity to the multi-branched structure compound than to the solvent.

Claim 13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the multi-branched structure compound has a substructure which exhibits a positive hole transporting property.

Claim 14. (Currently amended) The method of claim 11, wherein the multi-branched structure compound has a substructure which exhibits an ~~positive hole~~ electron transporting property.

Claim 15. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the light emitting material for the organic electroluminescent element is a fluorescent compound.

Claim 16. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the light emitting material for the organic electroluminescent element is a phosphorescent compound.